

MCDHH has filed a Proposed Rule Amendment on Certification Maintenance. The Proposed Amendment was published in the Missouri Register today, April 1st. The comment period, which is 30 days, is open until May 1, 2015.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

5 CSR 100-200.130 Certification Maintenance. The Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is amending sections (2) and (3) and adding new section (9).

PURPOSE: These additions are to add an ethical requirement to earning annual CEUs and to define a mentorship relationship and how CEUs will be awarded for mentorships.

(2) One (1) contact hour earns one-tenth (0.1) MICS CEU, **except in the case of mentoring, whether as a mentor or a mentee, where one (1) contact hour earns five-hundredths (0.5) MICS CEU.**

(3) An interpreter shall be required to earn two (2.0) CEUs annually for certification maintenance in the MICS, **with three-tenths (.3) specifically focused on Ethics. An interpreter may earn up to one (1.0) MICS CEU per year through mentoring, whether as a mentor or as a mentee.** Contact hours earned in another state will be accepted by the BCI provided that the hours acquired can be documented. The twelve- (12-) month period for annually earning CEUs will end ninety (90) days prior to the licensing deadline. This section will become effective for the CEU cycle beginning November 3, 2014 and ending November 2, 2015.

(9) A “mentorship” is defined as a focused learning relationship between two individuals with pre-approved goals and learning objectives for the enhancement of interpreting skills. The mentor shall be a licensed interpreter in the state of Missouri certified at an equal or higher level than the mentee.

(A) All forms must be submitted per paragraph 5 CSR 100-200.130(C)4;

(B) MICS will automatically accept mentoring hours from relationships that have already been approved by:

- 1. RID;**
- 2. Missouri State Committee of Interpreters.**

*AUTHORITY: section 209.292(10), RSMo Supp.2013, and sections 209.295(1),(6), and (8), RSMo 2000. * Original rule filed June 20, 1996, effective Jan. 30, 1007. Amended: Filed April 17, 1998, effective Nov. 30, 1998. Rescinded and readopted: Filed July 26, 2001, effective March 30, 2002. Amended: Filed Nov. 14, 2003, effective June 30, 2004. Amended: Filed Jan. 28, 2014, effective Sept. 30, 2014.*

**Original authority: 209.292, RSMo 1994, amended 2002 and 209.295, RSMo 1994.*

PUBLIC COST: This proposed amendment will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.

PRIVATE COST: This proposed amendment will not cost private entities more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.

NOTICE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS: Anyone may file a statement in support of or in opposition to this proposed amendment with Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, 1500 Southridge Drive, Suite 201, Jefferson City, MO 65109. To be considered, comments must be received within thirty (30) days after publication of this notice in the Missouri Register. For convenience, you can also email your comment to us at mcdhh@mcdhh.mo.gov.